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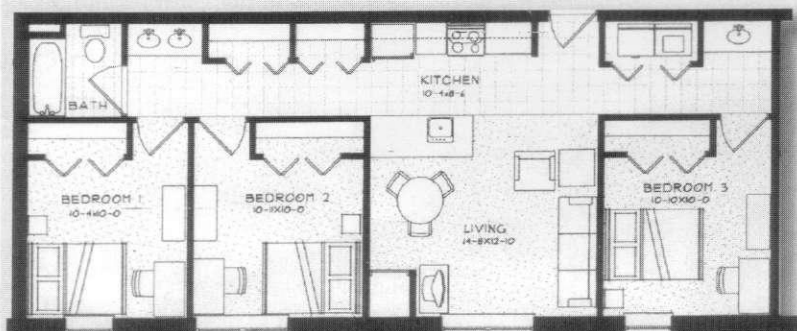


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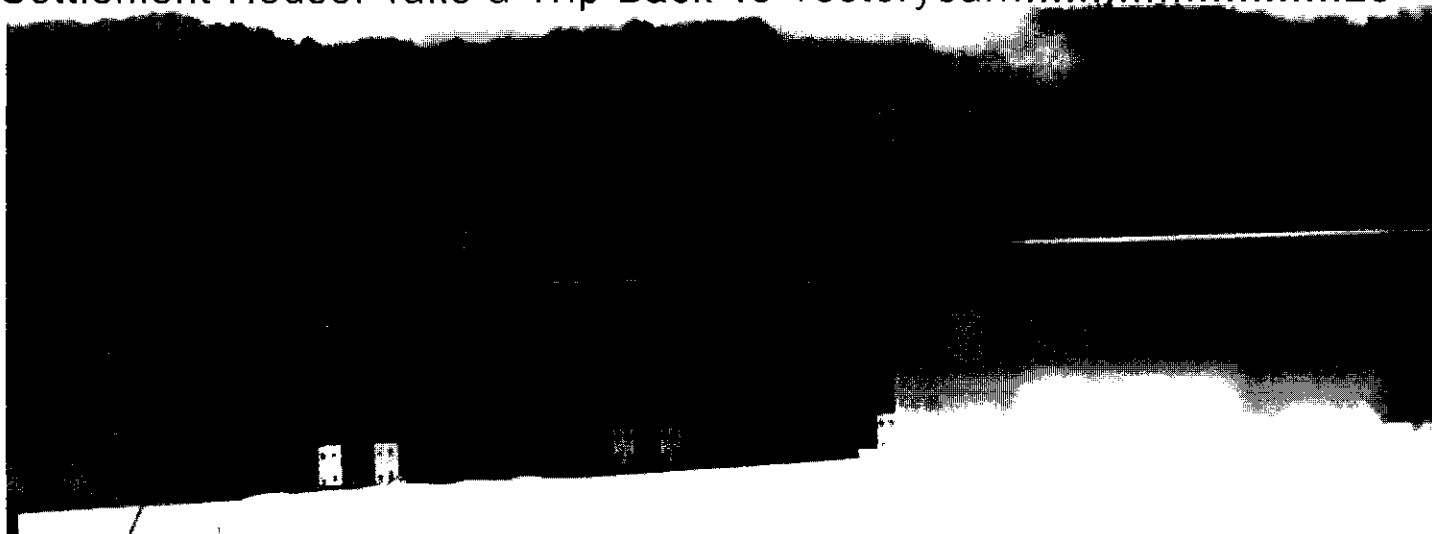


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Let Mansfield make coffee your cup of tea



By KELLY ANN MURRAY

There are certain places that turn average towns into college towns. They are places that can be easily spotted, as a steady flow of 20-somethings filter in and out of their doors. Local hangouts offer much more than entertainment for these students. They not only serve as a social hub for these young adults, but also as a relief from the stresses of everyday college life.

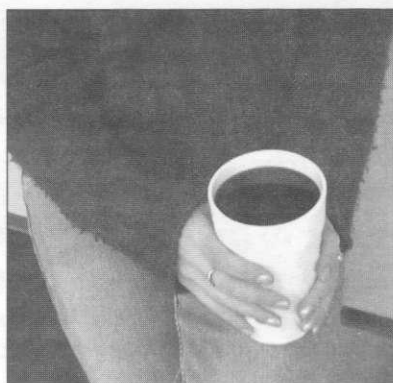
Coffee shops are destinations that no college town should ever exist without. These cafes embrace the entire college crowd, serving up brew that can be enjoyed by everyone, including those under 21. Offering so much more than just caramel lattes, visitors to these shops can take pleasure in warm atmospheres, as their thoughts are accompanied by friendly voices.

Mansfield University Students are no strangers to coffee shop entertainment. The small town is home to a handful of cafes. Some of these establishments have been in the bean business for years and others have been brewing for only a short time. Each offer their own unique qualities and all do their part to make the town of Mansfield, a college town.

The Night and Day Coffee Café is merely a hop, skip and a jump away from the University's campus. Located on the corner of routes six and 15, this coffee shop radiates artistic appreciation through its large, inviting windows. The entire café is decorated with objects and paintings reflecting the splendor of twilight and daylight. Suns, moons, and stars grace the walls of Night and Day, as candles placed on tables add a glimmer of light to the room.

Owner, Jessica Ricker hosts a variety of entertainment weekly, including live performances by bands and solo artists, and offers open mic nights for aspiring musicians. "Bands, acoustic performances,

poetry, and comedy are just some of the entertainment you may find at Night and Day," Ricker said. Aside from these performances, the Night and Day Coffee Café offers tea, coffee, and unique specialty drinks for connoisseurs of these beverages. One of the shops signature drinks, the Night and Day Mocha, blends the flavors of chocolate and caramel into a frothy latte drink. Chai tea, a beverage that has been growing rapidly in popularity, is also offered at the café and like many of the drinks can be served hot or over ice. All of



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*-Jes Ricker
Owner, Night & Day Cafe*

the beverages can be bought to go or can be enjoyed in the shop along with any of the delicious baked goods Night and Day offers.

Aside from providing a place to relax and socialize, Night and Day also helps the campus by forming partnerships with university organizations and offering discounts to the students.

"This is a non-alcoholic hangout spot and studios environment," Ricker said. "We provide entertainment, and most importantly caffeine to college kids, a portion of the population that typically lives off of it."

The Night and Day Coffee Café is open Sunday through Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is open until midnight Thursday through Saturday.

Ten West Expresso has

been a local favorite of the Mansfield area for years. It's location on Main Street is only a short walk from the University campus. The interior of the establishment is overflowing with items typically associated with coffee shop scenery. Through their decoration, Ten West admits an old fashioned, almost antique atmosphere. After ordering any of the café's fare, visitors of Ten West Expresso can relax with drink in one hand, and newspaper in the other. Patrons of the coffee shop can also pull up a chair and play any of the classic board games available for their leisure. On certain night's guests of the café may experience musical acts and poetry readings, or if so inspired, may participate themselves. On nights when live performances are taking place, the café is swarming with customers.

If one's need for a cup of Jo is so demanding he or she simply cannot make it down town, visitors and members of the Mansfield University Campus need not worry. Jazzman's Café, conveniently located in the Student Center of Alumni Hall, provides all the aspects of an off campus coffee house without the walk. Sitting at any of the little tables just outside the counter, students and faculty can admire breathtaking views of the majestic North Hall Library while sipping their coffee or tea. The environment can serve as an excellent location to study or read, and it is quite common to observe other students hard at work.

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Taking a walk around town

By TED MINNER

Not everyone is lucky enough to have a car. With a car any desired location is easily in reach. Want to go see a movie? Wellsboro is only a 15-minute drive away. Need to go shopping? The Arnot Mall is about an hour drive. But what about those people who do not have wheels? What is left for them to do?

Even though Mansfield may seem like a small town there is a lot to do.

One of the best ways to see the town is on foot, so grab some walking shoes and hit the road.

On Wellsboro Street, there is a thrift store with a wide selection of old toys and clothes. In the back, there is an endless supply of clothes; anything from t-shirts to suits, jackets to blazers, and gloves to hats can be found. Another shop sells all hand-made items. The ladies running the establishment make all of the items there and can personalize gifts if requested. There is a tanning salon, hunting and outdoors shop and Domino's Pizza.

Main Street is lined with stores and places to eat. On North Main Street you will find a great Italian pizzeria/restaurant, Papa V's. The restaraunt makes all kinds of

Italian dishes and some great pizza. They have regular pizza pies and also sicilian square pizzas.

If you are looking to grab some fast food the next few places are for you. A little further down the road you will find the Mansfield McDonalds. Across the street there is a Pizza Hut, Subway and Mr. Stirfry, a Chinese restaurant.

On the other side of North Main Street there are more shops. Northern Tier

Athletics has everything an athlete could need. They stock tennis balls, racquets, sweat suits, protective eyewear and more.

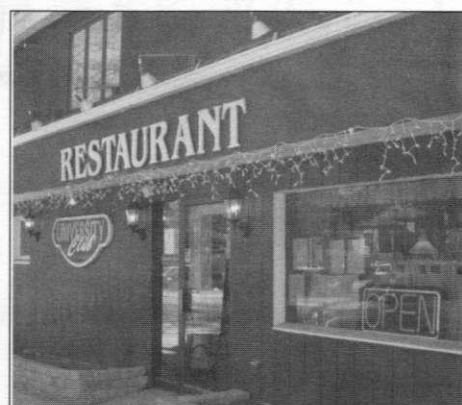
There are three antique stores on Main Street. Each store has a different style and sells different kinds of antiques. You can find old clothes, toy cars, furniture, collectibles and knick-knacks.

There are two coffee houses to visit on Main Street can visit. Ten West Espresso and Night and Day are both

located on North Main Street. Ten West is right next to the antique stores and across from Papa V's restaurant. Ten West has poetry readings and open-mic nights. Night and Day is located on the same side

of the street as Papa V's and at the corner of Main Street and Route 6. Night and Day also has an open-mic night.

South Main Street has some places that need to be visited as well. Coles Pharmacy is located across from the bank and on the corner of Main Street and Route 6. Coles is a family run



AMY KENDIG

The University Club on South Main Street is themed with sports memorabilia and filled with great food.

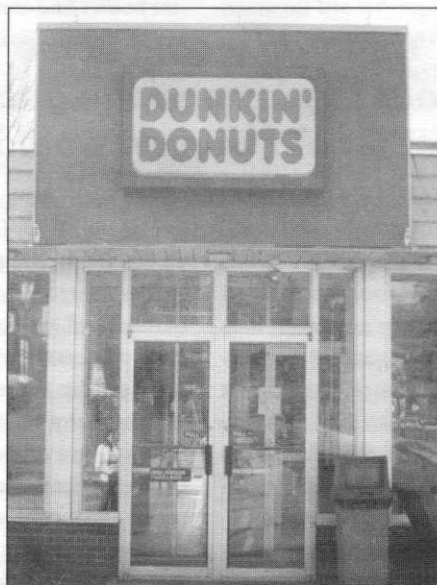
pharmacy that has been serving Mansfield for many years. It is more than just a pharmacy though; it is a friendly neighborhood store that sells candy, household items, greeting cards and different foods.

A few doors down is one of the local barbershops. You have not lived in Mansfield if you have not gotten a hair cut by "Shaky Johnny." In a small shop, "Shaky Johnny" has been cutting hair for years and is always full of stories and ready to talk. It is hard to find a more enjoyable time while getting your hair cut.

The history of MU sports can be found at University Club, which is next door to Shaky Johnny. The University Club is fully decorated with Mansfield University sporting memorabilia, stories and photographs. The University Club offers classic sporting foods such as hot dogs, hamburgers and complete dinners for the whole family.

Video King has the newest movie releases on both DVD and VHS. They also have something most other movie stores do not have, tanning booths. Video King has three sun tanning booths available for customers, from Baha Tanning. They also have video games for the Playstation 2, X-Box and the Nintendo Game Cube.

Even without a car there are still plenty of things to do. Mansfield offers individuals many entertainment options everyday of the week. ☺



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FALL BROOK



By JAMES SHAPPEL

It was a late, dark, foggy evening when we prepared to leave the comfortable confines of Mansfield University's Maple Hall. I was just a sophomore and wasn't familiar with the area. However, my roommate, Derrick, lived in Wellsboro and knew the northern tier well. It was close to Halloween and we were looking for a good scare. He said he'd heard of this cemetery on the other side of Blossburg called Fall Brook. It sounded scary enough, so he invited his girlfriend and I called a close friend of mine and the evening was set.

We weren't sure of the exact location of Fall Brook, but we knew it was beyond the borough of Blossburg. The car traveled down Main Street, through the town and passed another cemetery. We decided this did not look scary enough and continued our journey. The stories we had heard that

day promised us a thrill upon our arrival. The rumors included the idea that an entire town's children were buried there, having suffered from a great plague in the area in the 1870's.

Perhaps the scariest thought of all was that these children would come out to play, and the ghost of an old woman would watch over them, protecting them from intruders. There is an old fence wired in the back of the cemetery that is viewed as the children's "play place."

As we drove down the road, we passed another small town and then a random bar. We then passed a building used as a meeting place for the local American Legion and the paved road turned to dirt. We circled the area in search of the place that promised to penetrate our mind for eternity, but after 20 minutes of unsuccessfully wandering back country roads in the foggy, eerie night, we turned around to go back to get directions. The bar was the first place we came to that showed signs of life, so we pulled in to the drive and entered the bar.

The inside of the bar had an uneasy feel, as people stared at us, the new strangers entering their territory. Derrick and I walked up to the bar to talk to the bartender, a pretty girl with blonde hair and blue eyes. She was not busy, but began to double efforts to make herself look busier as to avoid us for a few minutes.

After she finally approached us, Derrick asked her if she'd ever heard of Fall Brook Cemetery, and a look of fear appeared on her face. She responded simply by saying she did know about it, but that we didn't want to go there. Then, she quickly attempted to go back to work. We looked at each other confused, and a little scared about what she

might have to say. Her story, which she would later reveal, was about her friend from high school that went to Fall Brook. While there, she got caught inside one of the small fenced-in areas, and has never been the same since. She was currently at a mental hospital in New York State. Her

eyes lowered and she reiterated her statement about us not wanting to go there and refused to give us directions.

Without her help, we turned to the patrons of the bar. Most of them seemed to know the stories of Fall Brook, and we were able to find a couple guys who were willing to help us out. We were on the right track originally, but we just missed a turn. It was time to go.

Again we traveled down the path, past the American Legion and onto the dirt road. We went a mile or two before we turned left down a path. The path was heavily surrounded by woods. There were a few homes off the path, but not many.

The four of us in the car debated about who on Earth would want to live in such a place. To capture the full effect, Derrick turned off the radio in the car, and we rode along in the silent darkness, surrounded by fog, woods and fear. We reached the next turn-off, a right hand turn back onto a stone path, taking us further into the woods. The moon started to show through the thin clouds, adding to the eerie sensation of the night. We reached a split on our path and we veered to the left. Finally, we reached a yellow barrier, the kind used by the forest service or the game commission in Pennsylvania. We were there.

Derrick turned the car around in a wider clearing in the path. The path was dark as we looked at it through the glass of the windows. I could feel my heart beginning to race. We stepped out into the darkness and it enveloped us. →



RYAN DEVINE

According to legend, a plague killed nearly everyone in the Fall Brook area in the 1870s.

The trees around us were too tall and too close together to let the moonlight pass through. We shared a single, weak flashlight. We'd have to make our way on foot from here.

We passed under the yellow barrier and continued up-hill on a dirt path. As we reached the summit, we entered the cemetery. The area was more open, allowing for more light to enter than was on the path. Oddly, there was no sound in the open graveyard. No crickets chirped, not one owl was to be heard and no deer were in sight. It was as if they sensed that death, not life, was welcome here.

We made our way closer to the actual graves. Many of the caskets had raised out of the ground because they were buried to shallow and because of the effects of more than a century of weather. Along the same lines, many of the tombstones were overturned, but still serving the purpose of remembering the many that perished long ago. The four brave adventurers we were, we walked closer and read some of the dates that were on the headstones. The dates varied, but they were from the mid to late 1800's.

As we scanned the area, we located the fenced area we had heard so much about. My heart continued to race as we approached it. There was no turning

back at this point. I felt a hand clutch mine. The girls were scared and showed it. The guys were scared, too, but we weren't allowed to shot it. We walked into the area where the children played. Many of the graves were marked as young people, a sign the legend might be true. We didn't see anything supernatural, but the feeling stirred in all of us.

We all decided it was time to go, and we ventured slowly through the ominous night back to the car. We had escaped the fenced area without incident and showed great respect on our return trip back to the path and down past the yellow gate. We all seemed to wonder if maybe we had just come on the wrong night.

The sensation of the supernatural, the stories and the mystery make each visit there just like this first one...an experience filled with fear, anxiousness and wonder.

Most little towns have some place nearby similar to Fall Brook, but there was something about this one that made it special. Some night, any night you are feeling brave, pack up a friend or two and a single, dim flashlight and drive to Blossburg. If you can find the dirt road, you can find the cemetery. If you can find the cemetery, you can find the mystery. Just remember to be respectful, especially to the children, or the caretaker may come take you. ☹

Didn't see a ghost?



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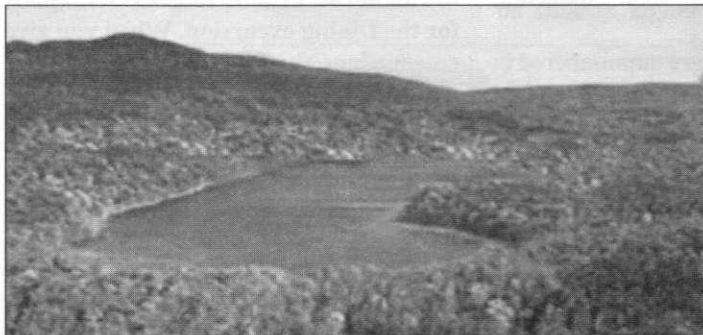
1. Import your image to use as a ghost.
2. Alter the transparency.
3. Place the image into a new image and make sure it is scaled.

Voila'...you have your ghost!

Having some fun at the lake

By GRAIG REEVES

The Western Finger Lakes region of New York is a scenic area for recreation year round. The Lakes are comprised of Keuka, Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. They are surrounded by the lakeside communities of Watkins Glen, Penn Yan and Ithaca



RYAN DEVINE

The Western Finger Lakes are comprised of Keuka, Cayuga and Seneca Lakes, and located near Watkins Glen, Ithaca and Penn Yan.

"The Finger Lakes region is wonderful," area resident Jean Buske said.

Watkins Glen is a small town on the southern tip of Seneca Lake. The town is also home to the famous Watkins Glen State Park. The Glen is accessible to tour as it cuts through the hillside out to the lake. Picnicking and swimming facilities are also available at the park. It is open from late spring to early fall. Boating rentals and docking are located on the shorelines in Watkins Glen.

Penn Yan is located on the southern shore of Keuka

Lake. Old fashioned shops and villages line the downtown streets. The town is known for its contribution to the wine industry. The wine plantations checker the hill-sides around Penn Yan and along Route 14.

Ithaca is the largest community centered on the Finger Lakes. It is a center for shopping and nightlife. It is home to Cornell University and Ithaca College.

The wine industry centered in the Finger Lakes is the second largest in the nation behind Northern California's Napa Valley. Bully Hill Vineyards is the best known local winery. They are centered in Hammondsport, which is near Watkins Glen on Route 424 north west of Corning. Wine tasting is common at all of the vineyards. It does not stop with growing season. Numerous wine tasting events go on year round in Elmira and Corning. ☹



All Aboard!

By PETE NEBZYDOSKI

Back when steam engines ruled the land, "All aboard!" was something heard on a daily basis, until they were replaced by busy city streets and car horns. But in Wellsboro these words still echo just outside of town before old engine 62 puts its first puff of smoke into the air to embark on a journey in beautiful Tioga County.

Engine 62 is part of the Tioga County Central Railway. The Railway offers excursion services including a dining car, movie viewing, and charter services. Excursion trains operate from Mother's Day to grand finale of their season with Rail Days on Oct. 17

The Tioga County Central Railway is a great place for anyone in the area to visit their childhood memories of trains. You can embark on a journey across the countryside and view America as your ancestors did before highways became the way of transportation in the United States.

So how did it all start? The beginning of railroads in Tioga County was in 1840. The railroad itself is a historic landmark.

Track was laid to connect Blossburg Pa. to the Chemung Canal in Corning N.Y. The stretch was named The Blossburg and Corning Railroad.

Tioga County Pennsylvania began to grow and so did the railroad. In 1872, a set of track was laid from Wellsboro to Lawrenceville. This track was laid to move coal from Antrim Pa. to Corning. They railway merged with the already existing Blossburg and Corning Railroad. The railroad was then renamed The Corning, Cowanesque and Antrim Railway.

The railway was owned by The Fall Brook Coal Company and The Corning, Cowanesque and Antrim Rail. In 1892, rail service for passengers was offered between Williamsport and Lyons N.Y. While in 1899 the railway was leased to New York Central and in 1968 the railway was reassembled as the Penn Central transportation company. Finally in 1978 a more recent operating company took over the line "Conrail" took possession of the lines.

But the days of rail were outnumbered in Tioga County. In 1988 Conrail ceased operations of trains between Jersey Shore Pa. and Corning N.Y. The railway in Tioga County was now a thing of the past.

Luckily a group of train enthusiasts came forward and purchased the local railway. In 1992, the Tioga County Central Railway was purchased to make a tourist attraction for the town of Wellsboro. The railway returned as a historical passenger train.

In 1994 the first excursion train in Tioga county embarked on it's maiden journey across the beautiful countryside. Now the Tioga Central offers many different services to the greater Wellsboro area.

The Tioga County Central Railway offers many services including the dining car and movie car. All of these services can add some great entertainment to the area.

Take for example the dining car, which for a cheap price lets passengers ride the rails as they dine. Dining cars have a 42 mile excursion to Lawrenceville, Pa. The Train takes approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes to complete its trip. The price is a little higher for the dinner trains but definitely worth it for the extreme train enthusiast. Price per person is \$48 for dinner and the excursion. It is advisable to call ahead of time to get reservations for the Dining excursion. When you give reservations they will ask you for your dinner order.

If you are tired of the average way to watch a movie and looking for a new and improved way to enjoy cinema, the Tioga Central railway offers that too. When rail was king it would take many days for some trains to complete their journey across the country.

The Tioga County Central Railway recreates the feeling of what was done to past time on those long journeys. →

These excursion trains only operate a few times in the year but offer a unique twist to riding the rails.

Fall is probably one of the most beautiful times here in Tioga County. Many people like to go out just to look at the leaves. The different hues and shades make fall the most beautiful time in this area.

"The train ride itself shows the beautiful countryside of Tioga County" West said. The Tioga County Central Railway offers one great way to experience the fall by riding in an open car. This car allows the wind to roll through your hair as you enjoy the scenery of Tioga County.

The Tioga County Central Railway also has a festival every year for the extreme train enthusiast. In late October, to end the long season the railway holds Rail Days. This event brings in rare trains and it also lets you get up close and personal with the different trains and cars that they have. Trains will do run bys where you can get a picture of a train in action. The weekend also allows you to tour cabooses and even cabs of the engines that do the work all year round including Engine 62.

For a day of relaxation and as you go back in history to the day when railways ruled the land then look no further then the Tioga County Central Railway. All of the trains depart from the Wellsboro junction located 3 miles north of Wellsboro on route 287.

Want to have the train all to yourself. The train can also be reserved for a particular party or group event.

So if you want to relive the days of when coal and steam were king check out the Tioga County Central Railway for a day of relaxation on the rails. ☺

University Commons brings new housing options to MU

By TED MINNER

The Mansfield University Commons offers alternative living options for students on campus. The renovated buildings opened in mid-February and are just minutes from the campus. All students are able to apply for rooms, but mostly juniors, seniors and graduate students will be considered, underclassmen will be able to rent as well but they must have an agreement with resident life.

There are two room options for students. Students can choose between a three or four bedroom unit. There are 18 four-bedroom units and 28 three bedroom units available, housing a total of 156 students. Another building will be added which will house an additional 90 students.

Each apartment comes fully furnished. The new apartments come standard with a living room, two bathrooms, a kitchen and all appliances. The living room includes a television, sofa, chairs, tables and lamps. A dining area has a breakfast counter and stools. The kitchen comes equipped with a microwave, dishwasher, range and garbage disposal. Each unit also comes with its' own washer and dryer set and blinds on all the windows.

Each bedroom is fully independent from the other bedrooms, which means no sharing a bedroom. An individual key is required for each room to insure privacy and security. The bedroom comes fully carpeted, with a standard full-size bed, a chest of drawers and a desk and chair combo. In addition, all the bedrooms come with phone and Internet hook ups.

The rent at the University Commons may be slightly higher than other places in town, but it is because the rent is all-inclusive. Included in the monthly bills is electric, gas, cable, Internet, garbage, water, sewage, phone and parking. The University Commons also provides students with a computer room and fitness center. If anything breaks or

needs to be fixed an on-site maintenance team will be available from Monday through Friday. Any normal repairs are included in the lease, but students may be charged for the repair in some cases.

The University Commons encourages students to have family and friends come and visit. Family and friends visiting are allowed access to all that the University Commons have to offer, as long as they abide by the rules set forth. Guests are allowed to stay in the apartment for two days at a time.

There are pluses and minuses to anything in life, and living in the University Commons is no exception. While living at the Commons is a unique experience, it does cost slightly higher than other living options in town or at Mansfield University. When students sign up with the Commons they are required to sign a one-year lease for the apartment. The space available is limited, there is a waiting list you must sign and units are given out on a first come first serve basis. The maintenance staff is not available on the weekends. All these stipulations are factors to be considered when renting an apartment with the University Commons.

The Commons offer many positive features. Since the lease is for one year, residents are able to stay in the Commons all year round. Just because the university is closed for break or the summer does not mean students have to go home. This offers students who live there many living options for each season. The apartments come fully furnished and all the utilities are paid for in the monthly rent.

There are a variety of payment options available. Rent can be paid using credit card, monthly bank draw, on-line, check or even through college loans. On-site maintenance is available and close at hand when students need help. Parking is free for residents and visitor parking is also available. Unlike the dormitory rooms, alcohol is permitted and there are no "quiet hours." The Commons offer a more mature living environment for the students living there. ☺

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Fitness center offers MU wide variety of activities and events

By JASON McCAFFREY

The Kelchner Fitness Center host a lot of recreational activities. The activities range from classes to intramural sports. These activities are free to all students of Mansfield University and members of the fitness center.

One of the many things you can do at the fitness center is take part in one of the recreational classes. The first of the classes is an Aerobics class. This class is held on Monday through Thursday's at 7pm. The second class is a Yoga class which meets on specific dates. It is held on Thursday's from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on the dates listed in the fitness or on it's website. The last class is a new and innovative one called the hip-hop dance class. This class is held Monday through Wednesday's from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you ever wanted to learn

some hip-hop dance moves, this class can show you how to break a move. If your into sports, the Kelcher has some athletic leagues for you. Leagues are held in both the fall and spring. There are five sports to choose from to participate in league play.

The first of these sports is Tennis. Intramural tennis is divided up into these categories: Men's singles, Women's singles, Co-ed doubles, Men's doubles, and Women's doubles. The matches are played at the participants convience.

The second sport's league you can participate in is outdoor and indoor flag football. Outdoor flag football is held in the fall, and indoor flag football is held in the spring. Outdoor flag football is held on Tuesday's and Thursday's at these three times: 4:10pm, 5:10pm, and 6:10pm.

Third on the list of intramural leagues is

basketball. This league plays on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Games are played at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. The basketball league averages between 10 to 12 teams a semester. It is usually divided up into a gold and green division to sperate the teams evenly.

Fourth is the co-ed intramural volley ball league. This sport has games only on Monday night's. The two times that the games get played on are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

The fifth and final intramural sport you can play at the fitness center is indoor soccer. The league is held on Monday's and Wednesday's. Games are held at 4:10pm, 5:10 p.m., and 6:10 p.m.

To find out other information about the classes and leagues held at the fitness center, check out there website at:

<http://www.mnsfld.edu/%7Efitness/> ☎

Twain writes history in Elmira

By GRAIG REEVES

Mark Twain spent his summers overlooking Elmira in his study atop Jerusalem Hill penning classics like Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn.

Mark Twain, also known as Samuel Clemens, started spending summers in Elmira during the 1870's. It was here that he wrote classics such as The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court and The Prince and the Pauper. Twain spent time at Quarry Farm in Elmira, which served as the summer residence for the prominent Langdon family. Twain was married to their daughter Olivia.

Twain's influence is still alive in Elmira, and is worth the drive for a look at the life of the great American writer. Quarry Farm still stands today, and serves as a residence for Mark Twain scholars from Elmira College. Twain's famous study, which

stood at Quarry Farm until 1952, is now on campus at Elmira College. It has been restored to its original condition and was donated by Twain's nephew in 1982/The study is open daily from mid-June through Labor Day, or by appointment by contacting Elmira College.

The graves of Mark Twain and Olivia Langdon are located in Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira. They are open to the public weekdays. Twain lived from 1835 to 1910. Olivia passed away in 1906. Twain's two daughters and a granddaughter are buried there, too.

Elmira College serves as curator to most of the Langdon and Twain properties. Twain's study and Quarry Farm are now owned and cared for by the College. Elmira College features a unique Mark Twain Studies program, which serves both students, tourists and admirers of Twain's work at their library.

Elmira College is located on College

Avenue in Elmira, located off of Route 352. Call (607) 735-1941 for information or appointments regarding the Mark Twain collection and attractions in Elmira. ☎

Regional names of fame

The following well known people are from the Twin Tiers Region:

1. Mark Twain, author of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, spent summers in Elmira.
2. Tommy Hilfiger, famous designer, was born and raised in Elmira before taking his designs international.
3. Eileen Collins is an astronaut and will lead the next mission into space in 2005, is from Elmira.
4. Brian Williams, who will succeed Tom Brokaw as NBC anchorman, used to live in Elmira when he was young.
5. Joey Sindelar and Jeff Sluman are PGA golfers and both reside in the Elmira area.
6. Ernie Davis, the Heisman winning half-back from Syracuse in 1963, is from Elmira.



Cruising the beat with Officer Smith

By SHANNA KOCH

It was a relatively average day at the campus police station when Officer Stephen Smith arrived to get an early start on paperwork. The phones in the office rang every so often keeping the student dispatchers busy. I was working the front desk when Officer Smith suggested that I ride along on a patrol that busy Wednesday afternoon. During the few hours I spent with Smith, I got a good look at the working environment of the police and I realized what type of students there are on a college campus.

Just after 6 p.m. on that afternoon I got a small glimpse at another aspect of police responsibilities, the paperwork. A student came into campus police reporting a theft of property. After handling such a report, all the information must be put into the database. From what I gathered each section is pretty much the same but equally important.

Earlier in the week when I made my proposition to Smith about the ride-along I jokingly requested the brand new, fully equipped Expedition as my vehicle of choice. For anyone 5'5" or shorter you would need a running start to climb into the very large police cruiser.

Shortly after 7 p.m., I began the experience of my first ride-along. Smith, a comedian at heart, kept the experience entertaining. Prior to the ride-along Smith and I were joking around on what possible

scenarios we could witness.

I asked Smith, not serious of course, if we could pull people over for my own personal enjoyment. Needless to say it didn't happen, unfortunately for me.

Smith and I cruised around campus making sure everything was quiet and peaceful. We sat in the cruiser on the hill next to Pinecrest Manor making sure students obeyed the traffic laws. While watching the flow of traffic a student came up to the passenger window. After a few taps I rolled down the window to see what she wanted. She brazenly asked Smith for a ride for her and three other friends up to Decker Gymnasium. After about a minute of begging from the student Smith had to turn her away due to a lack of space, and because of the simple fact that a cops responsibility isn't to give cold/lazy students a ride.

After awhile, we decided to move away from Pinecrest to a less clandestine space. Smith parked the cruiser across from Laurel Manor on Clinton Street. It is entertaining to see a person's reaction in the presence of a police officer. You will see drivers

passing by try to catch a glimpse of something they thought may be going on. After a rather uneventful hour and receiving no dispatches from the student worker we decided to head back to the station.

When we returned to the office we found a



AMY KENDIG

Officer Stephen Smith is shown above in front of the newly purchased police cruiser.


group of students waiting in the lobby for an officer's return one happening to be the student who was in earlier reporting a theft. Grabbing a paper and pen Smith escorted the students to a back room to take their report. After the students left the office, Smith put his jacket back on ready to leave again. Jasmine Davies, an intern at campus police, wanted to join in on the ride-along. After asking permission for the both of us to go, Smith said he would "...brief us in the car."

Smith informed us that we were heading to Decker Gymnasium to the basketball game to look for an alleged suspect. He gave us a description of the suspect, and then the excitement began. When we entered the gymnasium we had to scream to hear one another, and we were standing at the entrance. I watched Smith scanning the audience looking for the suspect that he previously briefed us on. I was impressed by the focus and attention that Smith contained while looking for the individual. I attempted to scan the audience as well but I struggled to remember the description we were given earlier.

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Route 6 Diaries

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

The Mission

On a frigid Saturday afternoon in February, four college students set out on a mission. With little money in our pockets, and even fewer ideas in our heads, these students embarked on a journey to uncover hidden attractions amid the outskirts of our university's town. We began our adventure on Route 6, a local stretch of highway. With no plans, and no direction, these students set out to have fun, make memories, and most importantly, find something to do.

Meet Peters, Jen, and Mike, the three friends who set out with me in search of weekend entertainment. Under a gray and snowy sky, the group headed to Mike's faithful Corolla and set out onto open road. Beginning the trip on Route 6, we headed toward the nearby town of Wellsboro.

"Please turn off that AC/DC!"

Of course, a crucial element of every car trip is music. Living over three hours away from the University, I can vouch for that fact. After about ten minutes of joking and laughing, as Peters and Jen harassed one another in the back seat of Mike's car, an AC/DC song came on the radio. "Can we put on a CD?" I asked, explaining that the sound of AC/DC made my stomach churn.

"What's wrong with AC/DC," Peters asked, baffled at my musical opinion.

"Everything," I responded. Peters and Jen went on to obnoxiously belt out the lyrics to "Hell's Bells" as Mike placed one of his rock mix CD's into the player.

When a couple more miles had been placed between us and our starting point, Jen yelled for Mike to turn into the parking lot of a local Acorn gas station. Slamming on the brakes to make the sharp turn, our driver pulled into the lot. After stepping out of the car, we found out why Jen was so excited to stop at this location.

A live bait vending machine?

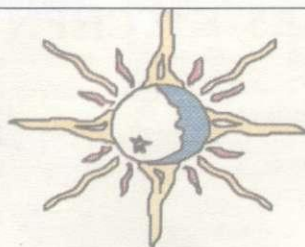
Following Jen to the front of the station's convenience store, we approached a vending machine bearing the phrase "We have bait for sale in bulk". Amazed that such a thing existed, we marveled at the different types of lure offered. For approximately two dollars, the machine would dispense a variety of critters to satisfy the bait consumer's needs. Night Crawlers, Meal Worms, and Wax Worms were just a few of the live specimens available for purchase.

Removing two dollars from her purse, Jen placed her cash into the bill acceptor, and made her selection. "What are you buying," I asked, puzzled at my friend's need for live bait.

"I'm buying Meal Worms for my pet frogs," she replied, removing a large, white, Styrofoam tube from →

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the vending machine. Peters and I watched intently as she opened the container, revealing a small cup of tiny worms.

The convenience store door opened, and Mike walked over to us sharing his amazement for new white chocolate Reeces Peanut butter Cups. "I can finally eat peanut butter cups!" he shouted, reinforcing his hate for all things milk chocolate.

We returned to the car, and proceeded onward to the scenic Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, wondering what new sites awaited us.

"Cuddle a critter, a touching experience."

The view was amazing as we turned left onto route 660. The winter months had provided us with an incredible snow covered landscape, and for a brief moment, I decided I didn't hate the cold so much. Continuing down the icy road, we spotted a sign for what looked like a hidden tourist attraction; Animaland. Deciding this destination would be a good addition to our trip, we followed the signs. The next sign for the park caused the four of us to snicker, as it read "Cuddle a critter, a touching experience".

Finally, after winding through a maze of roads, we reached Animaland. I couldn't help but think that this zoo could easily be featured in a National Lampoon movie.

Closed for the winter and hidden by enormous snow banks, we were sad to see that Animaland and all of its amenities were closed for the season. Disappointed that we could not "cuddle a critter," we left, and followed another sign for a remote destination.

"You just don't see these anymore"

The next sign we followed was for the Stony Forks Country Store. The sign, decorated with a goose illustration, made us decide to make this store our next stop.

Appearing to be closed as well, I stepped out of the car to scope out the scene. I walked toward the only door I saw, and turned the knob. Looking inside to find what seemed to be storage, I quickly realized that it was the wrong door, and followed a truck driver into the correct entrance. The others followed me inside the rural shop that was approximately three times the size of my dorm room. The store sold everything from quilts to deli meat. "Does anyone need a big tube of apricot gel?" Mike asked as he held up the large orange item he had discovered.

I walked down a narrow aisle and ran into a woman at work. Wearing what I thought to be traditional Mennonite dress, she greeted me as I passed. After engaging in a conversation with this woman whose name was Lisa Halterman, I learned the details surrounding this roadside stop. She explained to me that

the store has been open for about 20 years, and is a popular stop for tourists. "The tourists come in for souvenirs," Lisa said. "They especially like the home-made jerky, bacon, and maple syrup." Having a weakness for beef jerky, I decided to sample theirs, finding that it was indeed, very good.

Walking back to the front of the store, I ran into Mike and Peters, examining a small assortment of penny candies. "You don't see these anymore!" Mike remarked, picking out a handful.

Jen, a vegetarian, was impressed with the selection of natural snack mixes. She chose a large bag of peanuts and proceeded to the register. With beef jerky in hand, I decided to take advantage of the store's reasonable prices and pick up a bag of dried fruit trail mix for myself.

Thanking Lisa for all of her help, we walked out into the cold February air, and got into Whit's car for the last time that day.

Making your own fun

I can't tell how many times I have heard students say "There's nothing to do out here!" On February 7, 2004 our journey proved that statement wrong. I will agree that attending school in a rural community does not offer the same possibilities another more urban school may. ☺

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Blow glass and blow boredom

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT

Picture this: You've had an incredibly stressful week, even though a relaxing weekend seems appealing, you want to experience something new and different, and perhaps something that could relieve that stress.

Venturing to the Corning Museum of Glass could be a possible

answer to that problem.

The Corning Museum of Glass is located on Museum Way in downtown Corning, N.Y. The museum includes galleries, glass-making, shopping, and dining experiences for all who attend.

There are galleries throughout the museum that include over 3,500 years of glass-making. The art and history galleries feature glassmaking from all over the world including America, Europe and Asia. The glass innovation gallery has an interesting display of glass types that happened by accident and brilliant breakthroughs in glass throughout history. The sculpture gallery features art forms that have incorporated glass as a medium. Finally, the Carder Gallery, named after English designer Frederick Carder, features works from Carder as well as his daughter in the breakthroughs of the famous Steuben glass.

Perhaps the most exciting feature of the

museum is the experience of glassmaking. You can make your own in the walk-in workshop where you can choose from various colors and create ornaments, flowers, or other objects with the assistance of experienced and professional glassworkers. The hot glass show and Flameworking Live! provide an opportunity to view how professionals make and shape the glass. You can also take seasonal classes on the art of glassmaking that will teach you how to shape, paint, engrave, and do various things with glass.

The GlassMarket is the museum's center for shopping where you can buy jewelry, collectibles and objects such as plates and cookware for the home.

Finally, the dining area, known as the GlassMarket Café, features specialty coffee drinks as well as sandwiches, pastries, ice cream and other appetizing treats.

"The GlassMarket and cafe are a great addition to the museum and make it very convenient for all those who attend. Though many of the products in the GlassMarket are quite pricey, I enjoy looking around and seeing what they have to offer," visitor David Martin said.

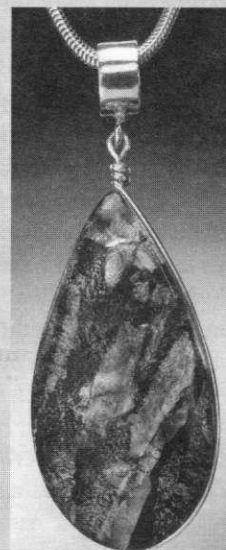
The museum not only features glass, but a wide variety of music. They have featured various folk and Irish music, as well as the Mansfield University choirs.

"Singing at the Corning Museum of Glass was an excellent experience. The acoustics were fabulous and the atmosphere was uplifting," Mansfield concert choir member SaraBeth Vanemon said.

If your family happens to be visiting


The Glass Menagerie and NOLO Glass Gallery, both located on Market Street are just two of many local art galleries that focus exclusively on glass art.

Gustin's Goldsmiths, another gallery on Market Street, allows shoppers to purchase fine glass jewelry hand-crafted by local artists.



for the weekend, keep in mind that all children 17 years old or younger are admitted free to the museum. The only form of admission for adults is a full-day pass, which is \$12.

Take a friend to the Corning Museum of Glass. With the integration of on-site dining and shopping, it is an experience for everyone to enjoy. ☺



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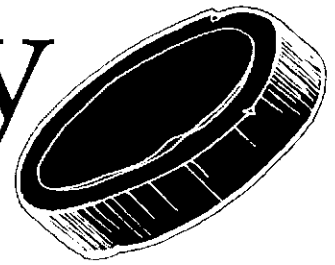
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By PETER NEBZYDOSKI

"Hockey" It's more than a sport. It is a way for you to get out with your friends and "Do something" in the greater Mansfield area. Luckily we have a United Hockey League hockey team right here in our backyard.

The Elmira Jackals, now in their fourth season, offer quality entertainment that fits the college price. For as little as \$10 you can purchase seats in the nose bleed section of the arena. If you want to spend more VIP seating only costs \$21. For that price only lazy people "The costs of tickets are cheap and you can have a couple of beers" said Mike Thomspn, former captain of the Elmira Jackals hockey team.

The Jackals have one goal, and that is to be in the National Hockey League someday. But how do they get there? Well it is a long road with a small stop sometimes in Syracuse. Syracuse is the home of the American Hockey league team The Syracuse Crunch. The Crunch is the affiliated minor league team of the newly created NHL team the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Hockey is a very fast paced game and is sometimes hard to understand, but once you go to one game you are hooked instantly. Some of the rules are a little complicated at first, but can easily be interpreted by just doing a little research before you go to the game.

"Probably one of the toughest calls to understand is offside" said Thomson.

Offsides is when a player from the team controlling the puck crosses into the offensive zone before the puck does. In other words the puck must make it past the blue line before the player does.

You may think that hockey is about fighting especially after three recent violent intergression which resulted in a player breaking his neck. Actually hockey has more to it than fighting. The game is meant to be played physically. Newcomers to the sport must expect that the game is very physical and very dangerous to play. Also players must learn many different skills to play hockey before they can even attempt to play at a competitive level. "Hockey is so much more than fights. It is the ability to skate and to be able to skate and handle the puck" said Mike Thomson.

The Elmira Jackals love their home too and don't plan to change venues anytime soon. "The fans have just been unbelievable. We have the best fans." Mike Thomson said.

Not only does the arena venue the Elmira Jackals, but has included other top performers and entertainers in the past few years. "Past events at the First arena include WWE, Bob Dylan, The Moody Blues, Travis Tritt, Barry Manilow, Kenny Rogers, The Royal Hanneford Circus, Harlem Globetrotters Monster trucks Professional Bull Riding, The Lipizzaner Stallions, AAU basketball and more" said Bob Thomas director of marketing and sales for the Elmira Jackals and the First Arena.

Still not sure if you can afford this wonderful type of entertainment? Then a group rate might be your best bet. If your campus organization is interested, and has at least 20 members then you can save \$2.50 off of every ticket that you buy. The First Arena offers many specials for your group including special food requests. The arena also

offers specials for tail-

gaters that include food such as sausage and peppers.

Ok you have watched the hockey game and you have a whole bunch of friends at the arena what do you do now. Keep the fun going and see if you can try out the sport by learning to skate at the recreational rink located in the First Arena. For just \$5 your group can skate before or after the games. They also provide rentals for those who may need them. The rink includes an arcade, skate sharpening conference rooms and also a pizza restaurant.

The size of the arena makes it one of the best places to see your first hockey game. No matter where you sit you will feel like your sitting on the ice. The arena only holds 4,100 hockey fans and over 5,000 fans for other type of events. "Total attendance for 2002-2003 topped 600,000 patrons." Said Bob Thomas. "The arena is perfect for the level and the fans are closer to the game so they can see what goes on" Mike Thomson said.

The arena has something to so every weekend. "Upcoming events for 2004 include: WWE, High Basketball, High School Wrestling, Wine on Ice, Auto show, St. Bonaventure basketball and much more." Bob Thomas said.

To get there via the easiest route, travel north on route 14 and then take the Clemens Center Parkway into downtown Elmira. Turn left on Gray Street and follow it one block to Main Street. The arena is located where Gray street intersects with Main Street.

The first arena first opened it's doors November 2000 originally as the Coach USA Center. It switched to become the First Arena in September of 2003. The First Arena is a SMG managed facility. ♡

Experiencing international life through study abroad programs

By AMY KENDIG

At one point in their life nearly everyone has had a road block or "crossroad" in regard to who they are and what they are destined to do as individuals.

For students who have not had that experience then don't worry the time will come. In the mean time the students who need to get out of Mansfield University can through traveling.

Traveling in the Mansfield area or surrounding area might not be far enough to discover the answers to those life impending questions.

As a student of Mansfield University one can participate in the International Exchange program to study abroad.

Imagine an exciting journey to another country where one can learn another language, meet new people and live a whole life beyond what they expected.

Dr. Monique Oyallon, head of the study abroad program and Assistant Professor of Languages and Literature at Mansfield University, said that the response from students is overwhelmingly positive and the number of students who participate in the program is increasing.

However when participating in the program, an important aspect to keep in mind is that what may be familiar to the way they live in the United States will not necessarily be the way that it is in another country.

"It is important to keep an open mind, to be flexible, to use all chances to meet other people and to try out other languages and cultures. Students will learn as much or more outside the classroom as in it," Oyallon said.

The countries offered for students to study abroad are vast. The university has exchanges in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Russia and Spain.

Currently there is limited space for students who want to go to Australia.

Opportunities arose for the university program last year when Dr. Oyallon and the team of program advisors joined the International Student Exchange Program.

It opened up travel to over a hundred universities in thirty countries that include Africa, Canada, Europe, Latin America and the South Pacific.

Joining this program allows students to be a part of the program for a full academic year, a semester or a summer program.

Hattie Shoemaker, a sophomore Pre-



JESSE HAINES

Statue of Mother Russia.

Med major, went to Australia for a semester in January. Her trip was more than she expected.

"It was my first time traveling over seas. One of the places we went to was a cancer research facility. The program gave me insight as to how the United States medical system compares to the Australian medical system Shoemaker said."

Common concerns for the study abroad program are about language, housing, food and especially cost.

First, there are limited language requirements for students depending on the country.

Students who participate in the program are not required to have intermediate fluency if they go to Russia. However students studying in France or Germany must have at least intermediate level fluency.

Second, housing and food is provided in the dorm residence that the students reside in. However there might be offerings by other universities to stay with a house fam-

ily in the country.

Students will also have a roommate. Roommates are not chosen based on who is in the program.

They may be roomed with another American student or they might be assigned with a student from another country.

Food availability is different for each country. In Russia students are given a stipend each month for food therefore they can buy and cook their own food if they choose. Students can also eat in the university cafeteria, but the majority either cook their own food or go out to eat.

Lastly, the most important concern for students is the cost. The cost for the study eleven days and she was able to experience much more abroad program is equivalent to student living on campus.

Additional costs are limited if a student is on the study abroad exchange program, sponsored by Mansfield University. The factors for the additional costs include purchasing a passport (if one does not already have one) a visa, travel insurance and/or souvenirs.

If students are wondering about paying for the learning-travel extravaganza then there is some good news. There are scholarships through the Mansfield University Foundation.

The foundation has a fund for the International Student Exchange Program for scholarships in order to encourage students to spend a semester abroad.

The majority of students who study abroad do get scholarships.

"If you are given a study abroad scholarship (as most students are) we ask the student to be available to talk with other MU students who want to study abroad," Oyallon said.

While students are abroad the things that the individual will do as far as class work is considered are similar as to what they will do at Mansfield University.

"You stay matriculated as an MU student. You continue to accumulate credits toward graduation," Oyallon said. →



The Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia

HATTIE SHOEMAKER

Grading depends on the institution and reports for specific projects are not required unless a student agrees to do one before they leave.

Also courses are selected with an advisor with the study abroad director to make sure that courses taken are fitted to the academic program at Mansfield University.

Students who have been abroad and particularly those who have been to

Russia have honored this request.

"Study abroad is almost always an exhilarating and powerful experience. I think it changes most people. It's formative for all. It is essential if you are planning a career involving languages or international communication in fields like business, politics, education, sciences, liberal arts and other areas," Oyallon said.

The International Exchange Program through Mansfield University will change

in the future by offering more affordable opportunities for the university. The program offers educational enhancement as well as job opportunities.

This program affects student's lives in many ways.

Traveling through this program can be an adrenaline rush and many discoveries can be revealed along the way.

"I would recommend it to anyone going into medicine or whether you are going for something else. It gave me cultural as well as educational insight," Shoemaker said.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, a famous writer, once said, "Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or find it not."

Participating in the study abroad program will give students the chance to open up their eyes to a different culture.

"It gives you a better understanding of yourself, your culture, and other cultures (wherever you are, you'll meet students from lots of other countries). It matures you and helps you to be a better critical thinker," Oyallon said.

For more information on International Student Exchange Program through Mansfield University go to the university website at: www.mnsfld.edu/~international/stuex.htm

More information can also be provided by www.isep.org

'Police'

While in Decker Smith received a dispatch from the student worker in the office. As he went into the lobby to 10-21 (call the station) Davies and I stayed near the entrance. All of a sudden we saw Smith heading for the door. By the time we reached the exit Smith was already climbing into the cruiser on his way elsewhere. Davies and I stood outside for a minute or two wondering what happened. Unbeknownst to us Smith was dispatched to a residence hall on a possible fire alarm and there was no time to waste. Shortly thereafter Smith returned looking not so pleased and headed back into the gymnasium Davies and I on his heels. As we found out later there was no threat of fire after all.

We stayed the final minutes of the basketball game Davies and I hanging back while Smith conversed with his partner Sgt. Regalbuto. As we left the gym we

headed back to the cruiser fighting our way through the crowd after the basketball game. We once again returned to the station concluding my very first police ride-along. Smith didn't stay long. As he rushed out I thanked him for allowing me to tagalong and to get an insight to what it is like to be a cop for a day. I stayed a few minutes longer contemplating the recent events and what I saw. The truth is I got a very small glimpse into the life of a campus police officer.

I work several hours a week at campus police as a student dispatcher. The extent of my knowledge of the daily happenings is what I hear from phone calls and students coming to the window requesting to speak with an officer. I enjoy my job thoroughly because I get to be surrounded by officers who are so witty and fun to be around. I spend a few hours at the station with a limited job

description and when I leave I am usually stress free unless I had to encounter disgruntled students over parking violations which by itself is a whole different story. Regardless of someone's personal opinion of an officer or what they believe an officers main duty is they are the first one's to be called whenever there is an issue to be solved. I enjoyed my experience with Smith but it takes a particular type of person to deal with the situations that police officers deal with on a daily basis. Being a police officer can be and probably is a thankless job but one that should be regarded with the highest amount of respect.

On another note an important fact to keep in mind is that cases are rarely solved I one day. As far as the theft of property case goes three days later the individual was apprehended and the case was solved.

Rockin the Twin Tiers

By GRAIG REEVES

Many people drive into Mansfield for the first time or sit down in their dorm and turn on the radio to the wonderful station of static!

Since most students at Mansfield University are not actually from the area, they don't know what stations are available in the area to listen to. I've have taken the time to assemble this list to lessen the static on your ears.

Top 40 is the most popular radio format today, and locally is available on a couple of stations. 106.1 and 94.3 FM are both Top 40 stations, which play a mixture of rock, rap, R&B, and classic throughout the day to appease most listeners. They are both out of Elmira

Classic Rock is another popular genre and can be abundantly heard in the region. The best and most popular classic rock station is 95.1 FM. Also known as the "The Met", it is broadcast on 94.7 and 95.5 FM simultaneously and can be heard clearly throughout the Mansfield area. The best and clearest classic rock station is 95.1 FM. Also known as the

"The Met", it is broadcast on 94.7 and 95.5 FM simultaneously for better reception depending on your location. "The Met" plays a classic, 80's, 90's and current rock, without many commercial interruptions. 104.9 is a popular station, but reception can be weak in places.

Country can be heard locally on 100.9 "The Pig". This station is the most widely available and community active radio station serving the Twin Tiers.

Religious stations are available at the lower end of your dial, mainly between 90 and 93 FM, various religions and denominations broadcast locally or through affiliates.

If you want more then music, switch to the AM dial. 820 AM is a local affiliate which broadcasts conservative talk radio, such as Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, and Bill O'Reilly. 1410 AM is the local sports affiliate of ESPN radio and broadcasts Tony Kornheiser and Dan Patrick daily, along with Sports Center updates every 20 minutes. Major sporting events and Yankees games are available on 1410 during season. 📻

Area stations:

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·W202BN 88.3; Corning, NY
·W208BC 89.5; Corning, NY
·WLIV 94.3; Elmira, NY
·WNBQ 92.3; Mansfield, PA
·WMTT 94.7; Tioga, PA
·WENY-FM 92.7; Elmira, NY
·W205BR 88.9 Elmira, NY
·WQNY 103.7; Ithaca, NY
·WCEB 91.9; Corning, NY
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·WCTH 90.3; Elmira, NY

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·WCLL 450 AM; Corning, NY
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·WWLZ 820 AM; Horseheads, NY
·WABH 1380 AM; Bath, NY
·WELM 1410 AM; Elmira, NY
·WEHH 1590 AM; Elmira Heights/Horseheads, NY
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Campus Ministry

Offering students a place to belong

By BRITTANY BALLENSTED

It is often difficult getting oriented to college. Even after beginning the college experience it is difficult to get involved in community activities as well as in the local church and ministry.

Many students make visits to home few and far between and may want to experience a fulfilling involvement in the community. The Mansfield community provides a wide range of church and ministry opportunities that welcome students to enjoy the worship, fellowship, and opportunities of being involved in a local church.

There are many churches throughout the Mansfield community and surrounding areas, and each welcomes Mansfield students at any time.

"From the very first meeting I really felt

welcomed," Joseph Kilmer said about the Covington Baptist Church. "The Pastor helped me realize that to find direction in your life you need to find the path you're going to follow."

Students may find that getting involved in a local church builds lasting relationships with the Mansfield community. Building relationships with the adults or the elders of the church can often be a short-term adoption for many students. These relationships involve inviting students into their homes for an occasional meal or other activity. This gives students, especially those who are far from home, an opportunity to enjoy a home-cooked meal, and experience the atmosphere of home.

Students also have an opportunity to get

involved in on-campus ministry. Ministry organizations on-campus include: Campus Crusade for Christ meeting Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting Thursdays at 8 p.m., the Outreach Team meeting Mondays at 9 p.m., and small group Bible studies and prayer groups meeting at various times throughout the week. Campus Crusade for Christ and Fellowship for Christian Athletes usually involve a special guest speaker and include a time for praise and worship, fellowship and prayer.

Getting involved in community and campus ministry can be a fulfilling time and an excellent way to meet and fellowship with other students on campus. 📻

'Coffee'

Like the other coffee shops in town, on certain occasions, Jazzman's also provides customer's with live entertainment including acoustic performances and poetry.

Specialty coffee drinks are not foreign at Jazzman's Café, the shop offers a variety teas, juices, and baked goods, as well as cappuccino and lattes. Soup, sandwiches, and other lunch items can be purchased throughout the day and students may pay for the cuisine with their flex money.

Found throughout the nation, in college towns far and wide, is a coffee shop chain made famous by the phrase "It's time to make the donuts." Dunkin Donuts has been serving the students of Mansfield University for years, and today, the chain offers more than just coffee and donuts. Patrons of the shop can order from a menu of cappuccino, chai, lattes, hot chocolate, and much more. Open 24 hours, the store serves bagels and breakfast sandwiches all day; a factor that makes the location very convenient to the average college student. Owners Scott Nowak and Ed Christastie realize the importance of accommodating the college crowd. "Dunkin Donuts gives students a place to come down and hang out 24 hours a day and seven days a week," Nowak said. "We've always been very accepting of the college students because they are our primary business." The casual atmosphere of the establishment entices it's customers to stay and a chat while having their java drink.

Dunkin Donuts has been helping the college community for years by donating goods to campus organizations, and offering a 15% discount to Mansfield University Students.

When it comes to coffee, café choices are not limited in this community. Coffee shops invite students to get out and see what's brewing by offering warm drinks, entertainment, a social atmosphere and of course, by providing them with means to bring on the buzz! ☺



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Golfing in the Twin Tiers

By GRAIG REEVES

The Twin Tiers offer five public golf courses that fit players of any skill level and cost between \$15 and \$30 per round..

Corey Creek Country Club, Mark Twain Golf Course, Soaring Eagles Country Club, Willowcreek Golf Course and Indian Hills County Club are all within 45 minutes of the Mansfield area and won't clean out your wallet, unless you decide to play for skins.

Corey Creek Country Club is located on Route 6 east of Mansfield. This course is a short, open layout with large greens. The course is good for beginners. A round costs about \$30 with a cart.

Mark Twain Golf Course is located on Route 14, the Miracle Mile, in Elmira Heights, NY. This course is an open layout, featuring few trees. The fairways are short and lead to hidden greens surrounded by sand traps.. The price is \$29 per round with cart. However, the course is located along a main road and the traffic can be distracting.

Willowcreek Country Club is located on Route 352 in Big Flats, NY

between Elmira and Corning. The course is comprised of an 18 hole layout, with an additional 9 hole course for better players. Any combination of the two courses can be played in a round. The course has wide open fairways and the greens are large. This course is friendly to beginners. A round with cart costs \$24.

The greens are large with easy pin placements. A round at Willowcreek should cost around \$25 with a cart.

Soaring Eagles Country Club is located on Middle Road in Horseheads, NY off of Route 14 and Wygant Road. The course is owned and maintained by the New York State Park Association, which keeps it the best shape out of any course mentioned. The layout features short, dog legs with hidden greens. There are numerous sand traps guarding the tight sloped greens. The prices are competitive with other area courses, but the course is popular and could have crowded tee times.

Indian Hills is located off the Addison exit of Route 15 north of Mansfield. The course is publicly owned with great prices, costing \$19 per round. The course is features a lot of trees and long fairways. It is one of the tougher public courses in the area. It is closer to Mansfield than the Elmira area courses and cheaper. ☺

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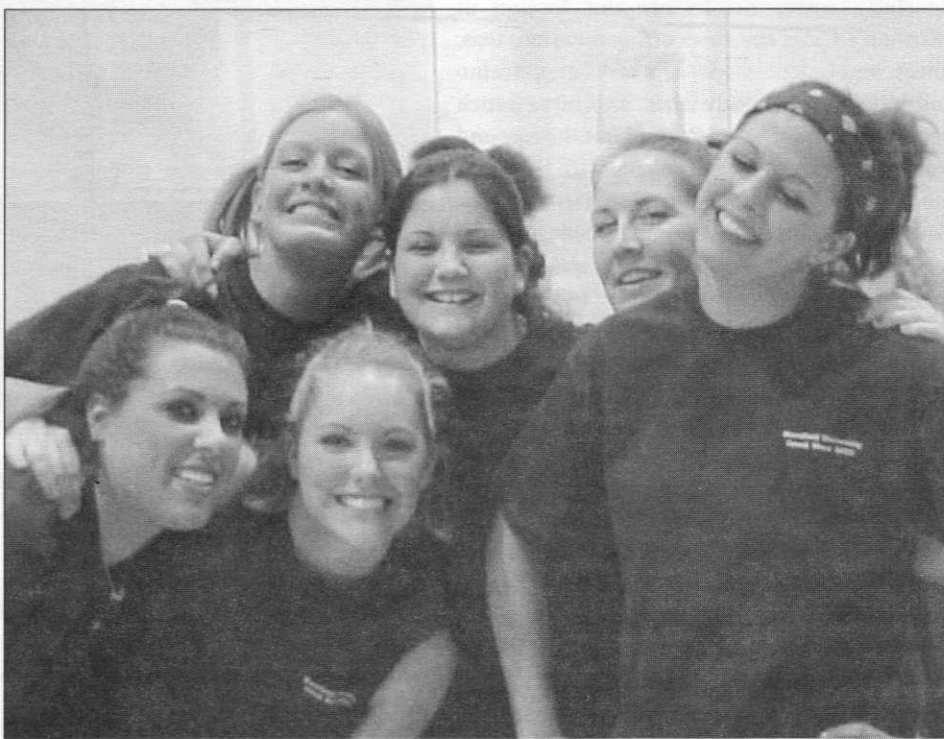
By KIM CARDONE

If the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear "Go Greek" is Animal House and MTV's Sorority/Fraternity Life, then your impression of Greek organizations is warped. Mansfield University presently houses four sororities and two fraternities. Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Zeta, and Zeta Tau Alpha all represent women's Greek life on our campus accompanied by the men's fraternities Phi Mu Delta and Sigma Tau Gamma.

Why is this topic included in a magazine devoted to activities outside of campus? Simple. What most people in this town don't realize is all the community service the Greek organizations provide for Tioga County and neighboring communities.

In the fall of 2003, the organizations combined averaged over 40 hours of community service and that doesn't include what each organization did individually. Not to mention the late night activities at Kelchner Fitness Center on Friday nights and the "It's Your Right To Know" activities every month where we are taught about sex, drugs and gender differences. Also, last fall all of the organizations went to Wellsboro to participate in the "Make A Difference Day" event where they raked leaves in parks and scraped paint off of old houses. After that we all did the "Halloween Crosswalk" where we walked young children across the streets of Mansfield on Halloween night.

In addition to serving the community, each organization supports a national philanthropy. Alpha Sigma Alpha is associated with their work for the Special Olympics, Alpha Sigma Tau donates money to the Pine Mountain Settlement School for children with learning disabilities, Delta Zeta works with organizations specializing in helping the hearing impaired, Zeta Tau Alpha supports the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Phi Mu Delta supports St. Jude's Hospital, and Sigma Tau Gamma is affiliated with the Books for Kids program. Each program requires an extravagant fundraising event that may help to con-



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Zeta Tau Alpha also holds a "Big Man On Campus" event to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

tribute hundreds of dollars to these affiliations. While these events are time consuming, the reward is the ability to do them with your closest friends. Each organization represents a family and all organizations together are a community.

The time and effort that goes into the community service and fundraising projects, often goes unrecognized. The true sisterhood and brotherhood that consumes the Greek community is hidden under the shadow of the Animal House image. In all reality, the Greek's of Mansfield University do more for the school and community than any other service organization on campus.

If you're sitting in your dorm room bored, wondering if there is anything you could be doing, check out the Greek Affairs link on the Mansfield University "Current Students" website. The calendar is loaded with projects the Greeks are participating in almost daily. Or you can check out each organization individually. We encourage people who are unsure about Greek life to learn more about our purpose, both indi-

vidually and as a community.

The social Greeks of Mansfield University spend the majority of their time working for the University and the community. If you have an interest in doing community service, making new friends and being part of an encouraging, friendly environment, you should consider checking out our Mansfield Universities Greek life. ☺

Fraternities & Sororities at Mansfield University

Sororities

Alpha Sigma Alpha
Alpha Sigma Tau
Delta Zeta
Zeta Tau Alpha

Fraternities

Phi Beta Sigma
Phi Mu Delta
Sigma Tau Gamma

Enjoy Elmira!

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT

Going to the movies has always been a popular and exciting way to enjoy the weekend and travel off-campus. There are other alternatives, however, and enjoying the features of the Clemens Center and the First Arena may provide a way to experience something new.

The Clemens Center

The Clemens Center is located on Clemens Center Parkway in Elmira, New York. It is named after Samuel Clemens, or literary legend Mark Twain, as he spent his summers in Elmira where he wrote some of his most famous works such as *Huckleberry Finn* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. The theater opened in 1925 as a silent film house that seated 2,500 people. Since then, it has flooded twice and, due to contributions from the community, has undergone extensive work. It reopened in 1977, and later went through further renovations until its final completion in 1999.

Since 1977, the Clemens Center has hosted over 900 performances. A total of over 100,000 people attend performances at the theater each year.

The Clemens Center offers a variety of performances ranging from musical theater, opera, comedy, dance, concerts, and other art performances.

Broadway shows such as *Cats*, *Annie Get Your Gun* and many others have set the stage and performed in front of the Clemens Center audience.

If you're interested in dance, the Clemens Center offers a variety of shows such as *The Lord of the Dance*, a compilation of Irish dancers from all over the world.

"What I like best about the Clemens Center is the live performances. To see something performed on the stage is so exciting, and there's always something different," said Clemens Center fundraising manager Angela Kosmicki.

A feature recently appearing at the Clemens Center was the Spring Carnival in the Islands that was featured in February. This was an opportunity to "spring" forward as well as learn about dif-

ferent cultures. Those who attended got the opportunity to sample food from various restaurants and caterers as well as enjoy the music of the group Rising Sign for a variety of music and dancing from the various countries of the world. The Clemens Center will feature more opportunities for performances similar to the Carnival. This is a possible alternative to other activities and an opportunity to eat food and learn about culture.

The First Arena

The First Arena, formerly known as the Coach USA Center, is located on North Main Street in downtown Elmira. The center finished its construction in 2001 and now features concerts, sports events, and is the home of the Elmira Jackals hockey team.

The First Arena features a variety of music artists from various genres such as country and pop. Hit country singer Brad Paisley and rock singer, Staind have both made a recent appearance.

The Harlem Globe Trotters have also made a recent appearance, and the arena features a variety of sports such as basketball, WWE wrestling, and figure skating. The arena also features the famous All-Star Circus and Monster Truck Rallies. "It's an excellent alternative to any typical weekend activity, and gives you an opportunity to experience live performance, sports, or anything that catches your interest," said student Sarah Whited.

If attending a show, you may want to consider having dinner beforehand. Beijing Garden features Chinese cuisine and is located on West Gray Street, near Clemens Center Parkway. Curly's Chicken House is located on Lake Road in downtown Elmira, and features rotisserie chicken, fish fry, and a variety of meals. Finally, Garcia's Restaurant located on Corning Road in Elmira Heights features Mexican cuisine.

If you're interested in an alternative to the typical weekend activities such as the mall or the movies, consider enjoying an evening at the Clemens Center or the First Arena. ☺

Folkin' it up in the mountains

By LOUIS BINETTI

Every August, for the past three years, the mountains of Tioga County have come alive with song. The Music in the Mountains festival, which takes place at Stony Fork Creek Campground, features the finest in bluegrass and acoustic music from artists known locally as well as worldwide. The Hickory Project, a nationally known traditional bluegrass band whom have performed at the Kennedy Center, organized the first festival in 2001.

This year's festival will take place from August 20-22, 2004, and features more than 35 hours of music and workshops covering all aspects of bluegrass music. Of the more than 18 acts billed for this year's festival, Vassar Clements a world renown fiddle player, is perhaps the most well known. Bands performing in this year's festival will travel from as far away as Ireland for the opportunity to play in the picturesque grand canyon of Pennsylvania.

The Stony Fork Creek Campground is located approximately 10 miles outside of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. For more information on the Music In the Mountains Festival, you can visit their website at www.dint.com/THP/. ☺



SARAH GILKINSON

The Hickory Project are shown above at last year's Music In the Mountains Festival.

A walk down history lane

By TED MINNER

Historic Market Street in Corning is a great place for a day trip. There are a wide range of activities to keep visitors busy and entertained. Even before the renovation, Market Street was a big tourist spot. The renovations have made it even more enjoyable for those that walk the historic street. Plus, it is only a short thirty-five minute drive from Mansfield.

While walking the historic street, visitors enjoy the 19-century architecture. It offers more than shops, boutiques and restaurants that are found there.

Special events and entertainment are scheduled throughout the year. One of the most popular events is Sparkle. Held to kick off the winter holiday season, Sparkle brings vendors onto the streets to sell warm drinks, homemade food and their wares. For Sparkle the entire length of Market Street is decorated in Christmas lights and a parade is held on the street.

Besides Sparkle, the Crystal City Jazz Festival brings avid jazz listeners in mid September. The streets are full with the sound of jazz music. Musicians wander the street and stores playing jazz as they go. Jazz is not the only kind of music heard though. The festival invites all kinds of music to be played during the event. Wine tasting

also takes place during the festival.

Market Street provides a distinctive shopping experience. Connors Market Street Mercantile sells antiques.

In Imagine That! shoppers will find a gift shop, specialty toys, and clothing all for kids.

At The Christmas Store the holiday season lasts all year long. The store always has Christmas decorations for sale, lights, and fake Christmas trees are on display year round.

Books of Marvel is one of two bookstores on Market Street. The store boasts a large collection of out-of-print fictional book series like Nacey Drew and the Hardey Boys.

Lastly, Church's General Store has souvenirs for both Corning and Market Street.

As you explore Historic Market Street, you will surely develop an appetite. The street houses many great eateries; a few Italian restaurants, multiple bars and some deli's. For those with a sweet tooth, make sure to stop by Le Toute Sweet for a wide variety of chocolates and desserts.

DeClemente's Restaurant is a New York style restaurant and deli. The deli serves multiple layered sandwiches, has a fish fry on Saturday nights and an all-you-can-eat buffet of crab legs.

The Glory Hole Pub and Eatery is the only place in the area dedicated to the his-

tory of glassmaking. The eateries walls are decorated with signs, newspapers and other memorabilia representing the history of glass blowing in Corning.

London Underground comes highly recommended by the New York Times. They serve French and American cuisine and feature a pianist every Saturday night.

For a quick bite, sandwich, or scoop of ice cream stop by Old World Café & Ice Cream located at the center of Market Street in Centerway Square.

For classic Italian dishes stop by Sorge's Restaurant. For a "Hot Slice," stop by Aniello's Pizza. Considered by many one of the best pizza places around, try one of their many specialty slices like white garlic or buffalo wing.

Right off of Market Street visitors will find two museums. The Corning Museum of Glass and the Rockwell Museum of Western Art provides guests with interesting and enjoyable experiences.

If you need a break from shopping or eating, an ice skating rink is located in the Nasser Civic Center. The multi-purpose rink is a great place to wind down with friends and a cup of hot chocolate. It is also a rink that is home to figure skating, ice hockey and ice-skating.

With so many things to do, places to go, and things to see, Market Street is a great place to spend a day or a weekend. ☺

Settlement House: Take a Trip Back to Yesteryear

By BRITTANY BALLENSTETD

These days it is comforting to get away from the stress of everyday life and experience the comforting country air where the blacktop ends.

Though the blacktop doesn't end on Route 6 in Sylvania of Tioga County, the experience of a beam-built home and the works of gifted artisans is what the Settlement House has to offer.

The Settlement House is a model home exhibiting the work of Greg Sickler, a post-and-beam homebuilder who has framed homes up and down the East coast.

The Settlement House, from the outside in, exhibits Sickler's craft as well as the woodwork and detail of post-and-beam built homes.

Inside the house is a fine arts shop exhibiting works of local artists as well as artists from across Pennsylvania and New York. Included are items such as watercolor paintings, stained glass, pottery, furniture, lamps, and much more. Ruth Anne Miller's hand-woven works are also featured and are famously known as being exhibited on the White House Christmas tree.

Children and adults can take part in beginner or advanced classes. Shop-owner Connie Sickler teaches classes, and specialty workshops are taught by some of the shop-displayed artisans.

For Pennsylvanians that have an appreciation for art or want to experience something new, take a trip to the Settlement House. Those who visit will not only enjoy the atmosphere of small-town Sylvania, but also will leave with the experience of intricate post-and beam built homes and experience some of Pennsylvania's most gifted artisans. ☺

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